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## FORMER INCOME TAX PREPARERS SENTENCED
## IN FEDERAL COURT

### Defendants ordered to pay a total of over $23,000 in restitution

**Shreveport, Louisiana** . . .Two individuals from Shreveport were sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Tom Stagg for filing false income tax returns, United States Attorney Donald W. Washington announced.

**DITA MICHELLE WHITE,** age 36, and **ANTONE M. AUTREY**, age 35, were each sentenced to **36 months of supervised probation**.  Both defendants were also ordered to pay restitution to the Internal Revenue Service; WHITE was ordered to pay $17,914 and AUTREY was ordered to pay $5,823.  WHITE and AUTREY were indicted in January and both pled guilty in March to one count of conspiracy to file false, fictitious or fraudulent claims.

WHITE and AUTREY and two other co-conspirators, EUGENE O'BANNON and SHAWN O'BANNON, participated in a scheme to defraud the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) by soliciting, instructing and assisting recruited individuals to falsely claim federal income tax refunds for tax year 2003 by preparing and causing to be prepared false federal income tax returns.  WHITE and AUTREY filed

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claims for refunds of taxes, knowing such claims were false. The O'BANNONs are scheduled to be sentenced July 19, 2007.

Sentencing in federal court is determined by the discretion of federal judges and the governing statute.  Parole has been abolished in the federal system.

This case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Martha J. Levardsen.

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